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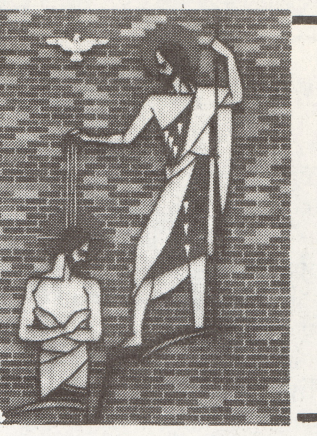

Just A Word...

by Fr. Harvey

There are literally hundreds of individual parishioners to whom we owe personal thanks as we near the end of this Christmas Season. I am always a little overwhelmed each year by the generosity and thoughtfulness of so many. Many work behind the "scenes" in preparing for our beautiful celebrations here. We are grateful to all of you, especially those who helped decorate and clean the church, those who assisted in the preparation of the children's and adult's liturgies, the Religious Education staff, teachers, and aides who involved the children in gift-making and the visitation of the elderly in our parish; all those who took an active part in Christmas Eve liturgies, script writers, costume designers and, of course, the cast of budding actors and actresses, the musicians, those who donated baked goods for receptions, and all who helped make the love of Christmas real for all of us.

A special word of thanks is owed to Mr. Mel Light, who worked to the very last hour in readying a part of the new organ for use on Christmas, in addition to rehearsing our adult choir who sang so well at Midnight Mass. For all your happy greetings and sundry remembrances, a heartfelt word of "thanks!"

For the past few months, a special "ad hoc" committee, designated by the Parish Council, has been busy fulfilling its charge. The special committee, chaired by Mr. Jerry Wideman, was asked to establish workable "zones" or districts or groupings of parishioners by geography within the territorial boundaries of our parish. Due to the continuing growth of our parish, it becomes more and more difficult to maintain effective contact with all parishioners. We hope to remedy this frustration, at least in part, through the creation of neighborhood clusters. From time to time, parishioners in a local neighborhood will have the opportunity to come together with one another in their local area of the parish for informal discussion, education, and prayer. Neighborhood zones will in no way subtract from the central importance of the parish church and Education Center. The opposite is desired. There are many possiblities and much good that can come from such a plan. More information will be forthcoming in the weeks to come. Patience and cooperation will be necessary to achieve the desired results. Growth will necessarily be slow but viable.

Those who signed the Time and Talent survey as painters are presently being contacted by a member of the Administration Commission, Mr. Ed Look. We would like to begin repainting the classrooms in the Education Center the week of January 16th. If you did not sign the Time and Talent survey but would like to paint, please give Mr. Look a call (483-3165).

May the New Year be a time for new growth in the Lord as we continue to serve one another in love!

Attention!

Please mark your calendars - January 11th! We will need many men and women on Tuesday evening, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. to take down Christmas decorations in church. Plan to come!

John Thomas
Worship Commission Chairman

NEW YEAR'S:

1 JANUARY 1977

Never mind. We are often irresolute people.
"Shall I be good now or later?
Shall I forgive, or hold on to my grudge a while longer?"
We're lucky we have a patient God.

Catholic Weekly Subscriptions

The Diocese of Lansing publishes a weekly newspaper called **The Catholic Weekly.** During the month of January, all parishioners of St. John's have the opportunity to subscribe or renew subscriptions to the paper. By placing subscriptions at one time, a great savings is realized to everyone. In the January packet of envelopes, a green colored envelope is available for this very purpose. Please mark the envelope and return it by the last Sunday of January if you wish to have the Catholic Weekly mailed to your home.

During the past year, the paper gave good coverageee to our own local area. A weekly reading of the paper is also a good way to keep updated on happenings in the Church throughout the year. If you have not subscribed before, why not try during the coming year.

Fr. Harvey

Liturgically Speaking...

Fr. Jim Burns

"Today you revealed in Christ your eternal plan of salvation and showed him as the light of all peoples." (Preface for Epiphany) This is another way to teach the gospel: Inserted in the Preface of today's Mass is this thought about the place of Christ in the world of God. At Epiphany time we see Jesus pinpointed as the Savior of all: Jew and Gentile. And that fact is highlighted in the Preface. At other times and places in the Mass, are you aware of what is being taught through prayers and acclamation? Let's see. In Eucharistic prayer I we find this: "We celebrate that day when your only Son, sharing your eternal glory, showed himself in a human body." And in the second reading (Ephesians 3) we find this: "...in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body and sharers of the promise..." It seems clear that God is working through His Son to enlighten us about salvation, and that message is to be spread all over the world. Consequently at the end of Mass today, the priest prays over the congregation: "Because you are followers of Christ, who appeared on this day as a light shining in darkness, may he make you a light to all your sisters and brothers." There it is: the punchline. Do you get the message?

Here then is a typical example of how the Liturgy becomes a learning experience. This, in addition to the obvious use of the Homily preached after the Good News has been proclaimed. Now for our part we have something to reflect on. God has spoken to His People. By our united 'amens' we acknowledge the truth of the message, and go from there to show forth the coming of the Savior - that's what Epiphany is all about.

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Religious Education Classes for students in the A.R.Ed. program (grades 9-12) will resume this week at the regular times. Students attending classes at St. Francis Parish on Tuesday evenings will **not** begin until the following Tuesday, January 11.

FEAST OF EPIPHANY:

2 JANUARY 1977

We could make another list
of gifts that only we can give.
Like love. Forgiving others.
Saying "Yes" to his gift of life.

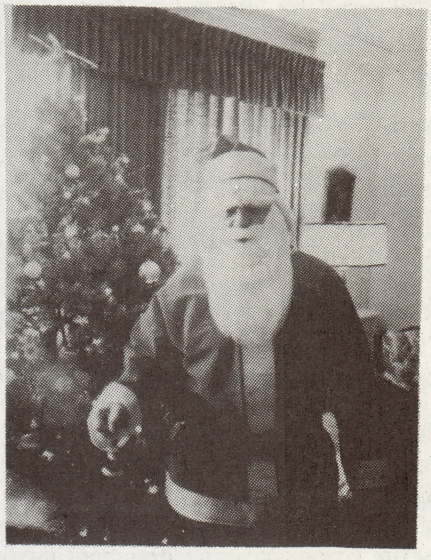
Of Special Interest

Some of the feature stories from magazines in our rack are listed below:

The January 1977, **America** - the Jesuit edited weekly journal of opinion - will comment on national and international developments in the light of Catholic tradition and conscience. Its highly praised book reviews will give a survey of the best books that have been recently published. Other regular features include theatre and film reviews, a weekly reflection on the Sunday Liturgy and the award-winning column of its editor-in-chief, "Of Many Things."

The January issue of **Marriage** features a new "look" with a format change, and a new feature, "Let's Discuss It," has been added, which is designed as a stimuli for group discussions or individual reflection with thought-provoking questions. Also in the January issue are many excellent articles on marriage and family enrichment, including "From Contract to Covenant," "Who's Minding the Children," and "Beginning Motherhood at Thirty-Six."

Today's Parish January 1977 issue presents two timely articles concerning broken marriages. In recent years, the Catholic Church has become much more compassionate in granting annulments which means a second chance for a happy marriage with the blessing of the Church. Canon lawyer, Father Thomas Lynch, outlines conditions for annulling marriages. Father Howard Basler describes the inner workings of Brooklyn's Marriage Tribunal.



Good 'Ol St. Nick

The children who came to the Jesus' Birthday party following the Christmas Eve Liturgy in church had an additional surprise. Santa Claus, alias Fr. Jules Meyer, arrived in the church hall soon after the completion of Mass and reminded the children that they must get in bed and cover their heads. We hope that his advice assisted weary parents.

When the evening of this life comes, you will be judged on Love

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 3 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Edna M. Hutting, Anniv. req. by Mrs. George Max
2:30 p.m. Vincent Southwell, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Morris

Tuesday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
7:00 Edna O'Sullivan, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Mangus
5:15 p.m. **No Mass**

Wednesday, January 5 - Bl. John Neumann, bishop
7:00 a.m. LeRoy Arend, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Earl Strine
9:00 a.m. **No Mass**

Thursday, January 6 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Alma Monaghan, req. by Frances Dechsor & Family
9:00 a.m. **No Mass**

Friday, January 7 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Joseph Fortunato, Sr., req. by Mrs. Joseph Fortunato, Sr.
6:30 p.m. Nuptial Mass for Tom Houston & Martha Linn

Saturday, January 8 - Weekday
9:00 a.m. **No Mass**
5:00 p.m. Frances Veigel, month Anniv., req. by Adelaide & Marie Seeger & Clemmy Fortunato

Sunday, January 9
7:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Bissell M. Summers, req. by his daughter Ann Chandler
11:00 a.m. Margaret Benner, req. by Clara Gonyou
12:30 p.m. Bill Krips, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Horn

Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 2
First Reading - Is 60:1-6
Second Reading - Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 9
First Reading - Is 42:1-4,6-7
Second Reading - Acts 10:34-38
Gospel - Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Financial Barometer

Holyday, December 25th	$3,170.75
Sunday, December 26th	$3,681.50
Hall Renovation	$200.00
Catholic Social Services	$623.75

Thanks for your generosity this past year!!!

January should be called "Stewardship" month. It's a traditional time for review, inventory and resolutions. As "stewards" of all that God has given us, can we make a good accounting for 1976? If not, now's the time to begin making changes.

Marriage Encounter

There will be an Information Night regarding Marriage Encounter on January 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the Geneva Smith Library, St. Francis Church, Ann Arbor. Please call Rob or Margie Lemkuhl, at 434-5446 for information on upcoming January Marriage Encounter Weekends.

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LITURGY

SATURDAY EVENING: ..... 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: ..... 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
HOLYDAY: ..... 7:00 and 9:00 a.m., 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
DAILY: ..... 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday
...2:30 Parkview Home Monday
...5:15 p.m. Tuesday ...9:00 a.m. Wednesday & Saturday

BAPTISMS: 12:30 Mass on second Sunday of each month, after Parents/Expectant Parents have completed Baptismal Catechesis. Please pre-register 3 weeks in advance.
WEDDINGS: Notify rectory 2 to 3 months in advance for adequate preparation.
CONFESSIONS: Saturday ... 3:30-4:30 ... Anytime by appointment.
COMMUNAL PENANCE ..... As Announced
MARIAN DEVOTIONS ..... Tuesday 6:45 p.m.
REGISTRATION: New parishioner - please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us if moving from the parish.
COMMUNION CALLS: The sick and shut-ins who wish to have Communion brought to them may call the rectory or convent and request it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PRE-SCHOOL: ..... 9:00 a.m. Sunday
ELEMENTARY: ..... Wednesday Released Time and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
JUNIOR HIGH: ..... Tuesday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
SENIOR HIGH: ..... Released Time a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
SPECIAL EDUCATION: ..... Arrangements made.
ADULT: ..... As announced

PARISH SERVICES

BABYSITTING: ..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS: ..... After 9:00 and 11:00 Masses except July & August
BINGO: ..... Wednesday 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. - Open 6:30

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Members of the parish team would be happy to join you and your family at dinner. Please feel free to extend your invitation directly to the person you would like to invite.

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Results of the Area High School Survey

Question:	Alexis	Francis	John	Thomas	Ursula	Total
Respondents by Parish	125	748	640	830	222	2712
Are you a contributor? (% yes)	95.8	96.5	94.8	94.9	94.0	94.4
Favor Area School?	94.0	85.4	78.1	90.4	84.5	85.7
Should it be joint parent and parish responsibility?	82.1	76.0	70.4	80.6	74.2	76.3
Favor concept of equal subsidy for public and parochial rel. ed.?	73.6	75.8	74.8	71.4	68.8	73.5
Devote time to fundraising to assist subsidy of students?	79.2	59.3	59.4	56.3	63.5	59.5
Favor scholarship assistance for needy students?	92.4	85.5	84.7	90.9	79.3	87.0
Enrollment:						
Have high school age students in next five years?	41	246	98	226	60	689
Consider enrolling them?	40	147	56	169	41	468
Number of students you would enroll?	42	200	50	247	41	594
Finances:						
Percent of $1000 student cost to be subsidized by student's parish?	37.5	31.9	32.0	35.9	28.4	33.4
Respondents who say no subsidy:	3.6	15.2	16.7	10.1	13.5	12.7
Percent subsidy favored by those who favor high school:	36.5	35.5	36.0	37.1	30.7	35.8
Percent subsidy favored by those who do not favor high school:	65.0	10.2	14.3	25.2	16.6	17.3
Respondents to question: would you increase present weekly support?	52	326	246	358	88	1114
Increase in weekly contribution (average of all respondents)	5.24	2.91	2.74	2.90	3.89	3.08
Increased parish weekly income:	272	949	674	1038	342	3431
Percent of respondents who would not increase weekly support:	9.6	24.5	26.0	29.9	15.9	24.2
Max tuition per student respondents would pay on the average:	570	560	480	605	480	560
Max tuition per family respondents would pay on the average:	860	920	705	1070	730	915
Financial Implications:						